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TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE 2006 URBAN FORESTRY FUNDING

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I. PROGRAM INTRODUCTION

The Tennessee Department of Agriculture Division of Forestry is accepting urban forestry project proposals from local governments, private nonprofit organizations, and educational institutions. Project proposals that address the development of four specific elements of an urban or community forestry program will be given priority for funding. These elements are ordinances, staffing, management planning, and advisory organization. Nonpriority projects such as education/funding and tree planting will be considered after priority projects are selected.

The Division of Forestry provides financial assistance in the form of urban and community forestry grants to local governments, educational institutions, communities, and nonprofit groups. Grants provide the opportunity for local communities to develop or expand their urban forestry programs and build lasting capabilities to manage their urban forests. Examples of projects that have been funded recently include the following:

1. Tree inventories;
2. Development of urban forest management plans;
3. Outdoor classrooms;
4. Urban forestry brochures, publications, and videos; and
5. Educational conferences and seminars.

II. PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

The grantee is required to keep accurate records for reporting, invoicing, and project documentation. **Project proposals must be received in the Nashville office of the Division of Forestry by 4:30 p.m. on Friday, March 31, 2006.**

III. GRANT WORKSHOPS

Grant workshops will be held at various times and locations across the state. Workshop details are provided in the information and application packet. Applicants are strongly encouraged to attend a workshop because the urban forestry grant program has changed significantly from previous years.

IV. PROGRAM MATERIALS

To request a 2006 grant information package or to receive more information about the urban forestry grants, please contact Bruce Webster at bruce.webster@state.tn.us, (615) 837-5436; Tom Simpson at tom.simpson@state.tn.us, (865) 908-4434; or Brian Rucker at brian.rucker@state.tn.us, (615) 837-5439.

In order to present the most effective grant package, we recommend various letters of support from within your community and a resolution supporting and transmitting your grant package by your city council. For additional information, contact your MTAS municipal management consultant.

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